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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Zhongyi LI, et al.

Title:

REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

Appl. No.:

09/508,377

Appl. Filing Date:

06/09/2000

Examiner:

S. Baum

Art Unit:

1638

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 4. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - [X] Please enter and consider the Amendment and Reply previously filed on November 3, 2003.
 - b. Enclosed are:
 - [X] Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c).
 - [X] Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.
 - [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
 - [X] Form PTO-SB/08 with a copy of one (1) listed reference.

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The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals	
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$770.00	=_	\$770.00
Total Claims:	20	-	25	= 0		x	\$18.00	=_	\$0.00
Independents	1	-	4	= 0		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Fir	st presentatio	n of a	ny Multiple	Depend	dent Claims:	+	\$290.00	=_	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:								\$770.00	

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	1	\$110.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	_	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	_	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	_	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00			
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				\$110.00			
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -							
	_	\$110.00					
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:							
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):						
[]	[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)						
	TO	TAL FEE:		\$880.00			

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the RCE filing fee and one month extension of time is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1,114 (c)

Box RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner Telephone Interview of February 10, 2004; Notice of Appeal filed December 31, 2003; Advisory Action of December 17, 2003; Applicants' complete Response to the Final Office Action filed November 3, 2003; and the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2003.

It is timely, because it is filed with a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for Extension of Time, and the Required Fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this document

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.